

**Abstract:** An instantaneous remote mail viewing system comprising an instantaneous analog video transmission device mounted inside a mailbox, an analog video receiver that receives and transmits a video image to a video monitor or television and a remote transmitter that activates the analog video transmission device only while the remote transmitter is activated. The analog video transmission device is normally in a low power, standby mode that has a minimal power drain. The unit is transmitting only when activated by the user and reverts to the normal low power, standby mode when the user releases the activation switch.